

R7 represents -OH, -OSO₃H, -OALK or -OCOCH₃, wherein ALK represents an alkyl group having one to four carbon atoms;

R8 represents an alkyl group with one to six carbon atoms, a hydroxyalkyl group having from one to six carbon atoms, a hydroxyalkenyl group having from two to six carbon atoms, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group or an alkenyl carboxylic acid group having two to six carbon atoms; and

b) applying said agent to hair and scalp in an amount sufficient for said promoting of said hair growth or said decreasing of said hair loss;

c) massaging said scalp for one to five minutes after the applying of step b); and

d) leaving said agent on said hair and said scalp for at least 24 hours.

REMARKS

This is a simultaneous amendment for a divisional of U.S. Patent Application, Ser. No. 09/744,892, the U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP99/06269.

Changes were made in the specification to insert subject matter of the amended pages from the International Application. These same changes were made in the parent by amendment at the time of filing the parent application, so that "new matter" is not being entered here.

Claims 1 to 11 of the parent application have been canceled and new claims 12 to 21 have been filed. The new method claims 12 to 21 have been filed

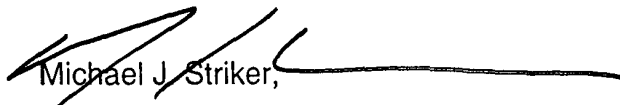
to claim the method of promoting hair growth or reducing hair loss in which the effective agent includes at least one of the compounds of formula II and the compounds of formula III.

The same limitations that were included in the method claims of the parent application in order to distinguish from the Konrad and Kunz references are **not** necessary here because the effective ingredient compound is a heterocyclic compound, not a substituted benzene.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawing be further amended or corrected in formal respects to put this case in condition for final allowance, then it is requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment and the case passed to issue. Any costs involved should be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned (No. 19-4675). Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing the case to allowance, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 1-631-549 4700.

In view of the foregoing, favorable allowance is respectfully solicited.

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